Official Diary

Thursday, 12 March 1953

1. Reported to DCI that there was no need for an O/NE representative to attend the Council of Foreign Relations seminar on the death of Stalin.

2. At the morning meeting raised the question of ▆▆▆▆ **25X1A9a** participation in the briefing of the Presidential advisers and it was determined that he would cover covert activities.

3. Mentioned to ▆▆▆▆ **25X1A9a** that there was relatively reliable intelligence to the effect that a large number of Russian technicians were moving into China and this might afford excellent PW themes.

4. At the morning meeting DCI requested that a certain cable respecting the status of the Polish pilot in Denmark be included in the next day's CIB and this was done.

5. At the morning meeting expressed myself as somewhat concerned over the possibility that Mao, in view of his increase in prestige resulting from the death of Stalin, might engage in adventures in Southeast Asia. We were keeping very close watch on developments in Burma.

6. At the morning meeting developments with respect to ▆▆▆ **25X1A5a1** as mentioned in yesterday's diary, were reviewed and I expressed my concurrence with using PSB as the approving body.

7. During the day there was a report that a British plane had been shot down in Germany and the White House and DCI were notified immediately.

8. Introduced ▆▆▆▆ **25X1A9a** to DCI and ▆▆▆▆ **25X1A9a** It was agreed that an immediate name check would be made and that ▆▆▆▆ would forward filled-out PHS. **25X1A9a**

9. With Mr. Amory met with ▆▆▆▆ **25X1X7** who raised the following points:

    a. He referred to a matter within the province of "C" which he had intended to take up with the Director. This would be done later by "C" when he visited U.S. and he asked me to give notice to DCI and DDP. **25X1X7**

    25X1X7 With respect to developments at the current conference with ▆▆▆▆ emphasized the value of ▆▆▆▆ intelli **25X1A9a** him and requested that this be brought to the attention of ▆▆▆▆

    c. With respect to the ▆▆▆▆ **25X1X7** we **25X1X7** requested ▆▆▆▆ to be patient since we thought that further developments could be brought about within some reasonable time.

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